

## **Dr. Bruno Dillemans**

### Education

- \* 1979 - 1986: Catholic University of Leuven,  
Graduated 'Magna cum Laude'.
- Super Specialisation in Abdominal and Laparoscopic Surgery
- \* 1992 - 1994: Academic Hospital Groningen, The Netherlands
- Specialisation in General Surgery :
- \* 1990 - 1992: University Hospitals Leuven
- \* 1986 - 1990: Heilig Hart Hospital, Roeselare
- \* Since 1994: Staff member of the Department of General Surgery, AZ Sint-Jan Brugge - Oostende AV
- \* Since July 2011: Chief of Staff of the Department of General Surgery, AZ Sint-Jan Brugge - Oostende AV (1200 beds)

### Clinical activities

- Performed more than 20.000 Bariatric and Metabolic surgeries:
  - 1500 Bariatric and Metabolic procedures a year
  - 25% of revisional procedures

### Teaching and education

- President of the Belgian Section of Obesity and Metabolic Surgery (BeSOMS)
  - Active participation at different teaching programs and postgraduate courses (BeSOMS, BGES, IRCAD) for residents and general surgeons
  - Monthly teaching of international surgeons on Revisional Bariatric Surgery through Clinical Immersions (Medtronic), EMEA and Side-by-side courses (Johnson & Johnson)
  - Course director of the International B.E.S.T. Congress in 2013, 2018 and 2023 with J. Himpens and N. Kawahara
  - Vice-president of IFSO EC Brussels 2014 (President Luc Lemmens)
  - Started up the international web platform BARIAlink in March 2016 which consist of two pillars: the BARIAlink Academy (virtual classroom) and BARIAlink library with the official launch at IFSO World London in 2017.
- For more details check [www.barialink.com](http://www.barialink.com)

Dr. Bruno Dillemans is the director of the Centre of Obesity Surgery at the AZ Sint - Jan Hospital in Bruges (Belgium). He performed already more than 20.000 successful bariatric and metabolic surgeries. Surgeons from all over the world are visiting his Centre to learn all the tips and tricks to improve the outcome . His Centre of Obesity Surgery is a Referral centre for Gastric Bypasses and revisional bariatric surgery for patients coming from all over the world. The technology of the Gastric Bypass was fully standardized by Dr. Dillemans, what shortens the duration of hospitalization and the chance of complications. He is also the founder of BARIAlink (Linking International Experts on Bariatric Surgery). It's a web based participation network where surgeons from the globe can share and discuss difficult bariatric cases.

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